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**ABSTRACT****AN ATM HANDOFF PROCESS**

10 A method of handoff of a virtual channel connection of a mobile terminal in a  
wireless ATM networks under the control of a connection manager is disclosed  
comprising the steps of:  
transmitting a sequence of handoff messages between the mobile terminal and  
the connection manager;  
executing a sequence of operations by the connection manager for re-routing  
15 the virtual connections; and wherein the re-routing of a downstream connection  
is scheduled using a timer.

**FIG. 1**

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